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Mr. JONES, resuming, said that should the bill become law in its present form, it would give rise to constructions in the Pension Office that would occasion ten times as much dissatisfaction and complaint as existed now. So great was the difficulty of filling vacancies among company officers who fell on the field, that many companies, from his position of

vate was mustered into the service of the United States he might contract disease before he marched one mile from the place of rendezvous; and if he was taken sick and died before he reached the seat of war, he died as much in the service of his country as if he fell by the bullets of the enemy. This proviso was wrong on its very face. The bill which he offered

say for the State which I have the honor in part to represent that, on the question of protection or direct taxation, they will find Pennsylvania where they have not found her very lately. She will be found on the side of protection, for it is her own interest; she will be found on the side of protection; for the labor of her own citizens in opposition to the pauper labor of Great Britain. "The Commonwealth,"

"In the meantime I deem it proper to add that the investigation of this subject has impressed me more strongly than ever with the solemn conviction that the usefulness and permanency of this Government, and the happiness of the mil-

increase of the commerce and agriculture of this great valley.

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